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TOPIC Soviet Air Force Fuel Shipments in Brandenburg

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REMARKS

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1. One or two railroad tank cars were seen at the Brandenburg-Altstadt (N 53/2 23) railroad station on several days between 1 and 15 September 1950. A large Soviet Air Force fuel dump was not noticed in Brandenburg. Fuel was stored in drums in the former Arado Plant where a fuel depot no longer existed.
2. In mid-September 1950 the Brandenburg-Priest (N 53/2 13) airfield was occupied by jet fighters with swept-back wings. Some flights were made with these planes. Trucks were seen at the field. A colonel was the commander of the field.
3. The trains of 10 to 20 tank cars each which have recently been repeatedly observed, were destined for Brandenburg-Altenstadt. They went directly to the Priest airfield on the spur track. No shipments went to the Brandenburg-Arado airfield and no aircraft were seen there. *

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* Comment. a total of 59 railroad tank cars with fuel arrived in Brandenburg-Altstadt between 28 August and 1 September 1950.

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52 railroad tank cars had arrived between 1 and 14 July 1950.

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Since these large quantities of fuel exceed the regular requirements of the fighter regiment in Brandenburg-Priest it was assumed that a fuel dump might exist in Brandenburg. Subject report, however, indicates that no fuel dump is located in Brandenburg but that the fuel was transported to the Brandenburg-Priest airfield. It is believed that either an unusually large dump exists at the field or the information on the fuel shipments was not correct.

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